Improvement of science education

1114. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of Human RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally-sponsored scheme for improvement of science education in the country;

(b) the allocation made under the scheme to various States/Union Territories during the last three years;

(c) whether the Karnataka Government has requested for allocation of funds for implementation of the IX Phase of the scheme in the State; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and by when the amount is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) To improve the quality of science education and to promote scientific temper, as envisaged in the National Policy on Education, 1986, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, **"Improvement of Science Education in Schools"** was initiated during 1987-88. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided for conduct of experimental and innovative programmes to registered voluntary organizations and States/UTs are assisted for provision of science kits to upper primary schools, upgradation and strengthening of science laboratories in secondary/senior secondary schools; supply of books on science related subjects in secondary and senior secondary schools and training of science and mathematics teachers.

(b) A Statement indicating funds allocated to various States/UTs during the last 3 years is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Government of Karnataka had submitted a proposal for financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 700.00 lakhs under the CSS, "Improvement of Science Education in Schools" for implementation of the IXth phase of the scheme in the State. During 2001-2002, this Department has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 528.22 lakhs to the State Government for implementation of the scheme after adjustment of unspent balances etc. The amount released was Rs. 28.22 lakhs only due to budgetary constraints. However, the balance amount of Rs. 500.00 lakhs has been released during July, 2002.

Statement

Funds allocated to various States/UTs during last three years for improvement of Science Education

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of States/UTs	Amount of assistance sanctioned		
		1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
1.	Andhra Pradesh	480.00	—	—
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	46.98	—
3.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	—	—	21.90
4.	Chhattisgarh	—	—	45.00
5.	Goa	7.76	—	—
6.	Gujarat	—	—	393.05
7.	Haryana	—	—	103.21
8.	Himachal Pradesh	—	—	234.58
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	—	144.45	—
10.	Karnataka	—	—	28.22
11.	Kerala	399.92	—	—
12.	Maharashtra	—	170.45	825.54
13.	Mizoram	129.76	—	—
14.	Orissa	1350.00	810.00	—
15.	Punjab	—	626.90	—
16.	Sikkim	1.22	—	—
17.	Tripura	—	101.15	—
18.	Pondicherry	3.54	—	
19.	Lakshadweep	3.60	—	—